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SUBJ: UN ADMINISTRATION: STAFFING OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH MISOFF, DADZIE, DIRECTOR
GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION,
STATED THAT HE EXPECTED NOW TO SETTLE DOWN IN NEW YORK
AND GET HIS OFFICE ORGANIZED. SPECIFIC TERMS OF
REFERENCE ANDHA CLEAR DELINEATION OF HIS FUNCTIONS WERE
BEING PREPARED AND HE HOPED THAT THEY COULD BE ISSUED
AS A SECRETARY GENERALS BULLETIN IN SEVERAL WEEKS.
DADZIE STATED THAT HE EXPECTED TO CURTAIL HIS TRAVEL
AND CEREMONIAL APPEARANCES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

2. DADZIE ALSO TOLD MISOFF THAT DA COSTA, SYG OF
THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE, HAD GONE ON SICK
LEAVE AND HAD SUGGESTED TO THE UN SYG THAT DADZIE TAKE
CHARGE OF THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE. AFTER
CONSULTATIONS WITH AHMED, THE UN SYG'S EXECUTIVE
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ASSISTANT, DADZIE HAD INDICATED THAT SINCE CONFERENCE
WAS WITHIN HIS AREA OF COMPETENCE HE WOULD ASSUME OVERALL
SUPERVISION OF THE CONFERENCE FOR A LIMITED INTERIM
PERIOD PROVIDED DA COSTA'S SICK LEAVE DID NOT LAST TOO
LONG NOR INTERFERE WITH HIS (DADZIE'S) OTHER PRIORPTY
CONSIDERATIONS.

3. IN REFERRING TO MATTERS CONNECTED WITH STAFFING HIS OFFICE, DADZIE MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) HE HOPED THAT USG WOULD SUPPORT ADEQUATE AND ESSENTIAL STAFFING OF HIS OFFICE, (B) HE HAD RECENTLY RECRUITED MILES STOBY (GUYANESE) FOR HIS STAFF AND EXPECTED TO ADD ON THE SUBSTANTIVE SIDE AN IRANIAN EXPERT IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE RECOMMENDED BY GAMANI CORREA OF UNCTAD, (C) HE HAD REVIEWED THE PERSONAL HISTORY FORMS OF THE THREE USG NOMINATIONS AND THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE A DECISION IN LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER, (D) HE WAS ALSO REVIEWING CANDIDATES FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FROM WHICH HE EXPECTED TO MAKE A SELECTION ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS FOR US CANDIDATES AND NAME THEM SIMULTANEOUSLY, AND (E) HE HAD INDEPENDENTLY RECEIVED A LARGE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING AMERICANS BUT HIS PREFERENCE WAS TO FOCUS ON CANDIDATES SUBMITTED OFFICIALLY WITH ENDORSEMENT OF GOVERNMENTS.

4. IN RESPONSE, MISOFF EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND RENEWED THE ASSURANCES OF STRONG SUPPORT OF USG IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESTRUCTURING DECISIONS AND THAT DADZIE SHOULD RELY ON USG ASSISTANCE IN THOSE WAYS MOST HELPFUL TO HIM. DADZIE INDICATED THAT SIMILAR VIEWS HAD BEEN EXPRESSED TO HIM BY OTHER USG REPRESENTATIVES AND THAT HE WAS MOST GRATEFUL FOR CONTINUED USG SUPPORT. YOUNG
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